## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

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JUDGE

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January 15, 2004

Charles Rubendall, III, Esquire Keefer, Wood, Allen & Rahal 210 Walnut Street PO Box 11963 Harrisburg, PA 17108

Re:

Gordon v. Gonzalez
Civil No. 1:CV-01-0331

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MARY E. D'ANDREA, CLERK

Dear Mr. Rubendall:

I write to request that you refer the referenced case to a member of the panel formed by the Federal Bar Association to assist *pro se* litigants. At this point in the case, I do not know whether Plaintiff's claim has any merit. I seek to appoint counsel in order that he or she may perform a preliminary investigation into the facts surrounding this matter. After the preliminary investigation, if the volunteer feels that the complaint is unwarranted, I will withdraw the referral to the pro bono panel and terminate the appointment.

Enclosed is a copy of the docket, the recent opinion and orders of the Third Circuit remanding this case to the district court, and Plaintiff's motion for appointment of counsel. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Very truly yours,

Sylvia H. Rambo

United States District Judge

**Enclosures** 

cc: Juken Washington Gordon